

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
v.	§	CASE NUMBER 4:19-CR-00234
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MARTIN ARMANDO PALMA-LOYA	§	

FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON GUILTY PLEA
BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

By order of the District Court, this matter is referred to the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge for administration of the guilty plea under Rule 11. Magistrate judges have the statutory authority to conduct a felony guilty plea proceeding as an “additional duty” pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(3). United States v. Bolivar-Munoz, 313 F.3d 253, 255 (5th Cir. 2002).

On November 6, 2019, this case came before the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge for entry of a guilty plea by Defendant, Martin Armando Palma- Loya to Count One of the Indictment. Count One of the Indictment alleges that on or about August 22, 2019, in the Eastern District of Texas, Defendant Martin Armando Palma-Loya, an alien who previously had been denied admission, excluded, deported, and removed on or about May 4, 2016, knowingly was found in the United States. The defendant did not obtain consent or reapplication for admission into the United States from the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the successor, pursuant to Title 6 U.S.C. §§ 202(3), 202(4), and 557, all in violation of Title 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b) - Reentry of Deported Alien.

Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count One of the Indictment into the record at the hearing. After conducting the proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, the undersigned finds:

a. Defendant, after consultation with his attorney, has knowingly, freely, and voluntarily consented to the administration of the guilty plea in this case by a United States Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of Texas subject to a final approval and imposition of sentence by the District Court;

b. Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea, and the plea of guilty is made freely, knowingly, and voluntarily. Upon addressing Defendant personally in open court, the undersigned determines that Defendant's plea is knowing and voluntary and did not result from force, threats, or promises. See FED. R. CRIM. P. 11(b)(2); and

c. Defendant's knowing and voluntary plea is supported by an independent factual basis establishing each of the essential elements of the offense and Defendant realizes that his conduct falls within the definition of the crime charged under Title 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b) - Reentry of Deported Alien.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

As factual support for Defendant's guilty plea, the Government presented a factual basis. See Factual Basis. In support, the Government would prove that Defendant is one and the same person charged in the Indictment and that the events described in the Indictment occurred in the Eastern District of Texas. The Government would also have proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, each and every essential element of the offense as alleged in Count One of the Indictment through the testimony of witnesses, including expert witnesses, and admissible exhibits. In support of Defendant's plea, the undersigned incorporates the proffer of evidence described in detail in the factual basis and stipulation.

Defendant, Martin Armando Palma- Loya, agreed with and stipulated to the evidence presented in the factual basis. Counsel for Defendant attested to Defendant's competency and capability to enter an informed plea of guilty. Defendant agreed with the evidence presented by the Government and personally testified that he was entering his guilty plea knowingly, freely, and voluntarily.

RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION

IT IS THEREFORE the recommendation of the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge that the District Court, conditioned upon a review of the presentence report, accept the Guilty Plea of Defendant, which the undersigned determines to be supported by an independent factual basis establishing each of the essential elements of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment. Accordingly, it is further recommended that Martin Armando Palma- Loya be finally adjudged guilty of the charged offense under Title 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and (b) - Reentry of Deported Alien.

Defendant is ordered to report to the United States Probation Department for the preparation of a presentence report. Defendant has the right to allocute before the District Court before imposition of sentence.

Both Parties waived the fourteen (14) day objection period.

SIGNED this 6th day of November, 2019.



Christine A. Nowak
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE